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In re application of: Andrew M. PERRY

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For: DEVICE FOR SUSPENDING A RECORDER AND A METHOD
FOR USING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action, dated July 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims with the following rewritten claims:

1. (Amended) A method for suspending a recorder from a neck of a user using a device that comprises a strap and a ring attached to the strap, the recorder comprising a lower section and an upper section joined at a juncture point, the recorder having a distal end belonging to the lower section and a proximate end belonging to the upper section, the recorder further having a mouthpiece at the proximate end, the upper section having a diameter that increases gradually from the juncture point to the mouthpiece, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting a ring sized to have an inner diameter defining an inner portion of the ring at least as large as the diameter of the upper section at the juncture point and smaller than the diameter of the upper section at the mouthpiece;